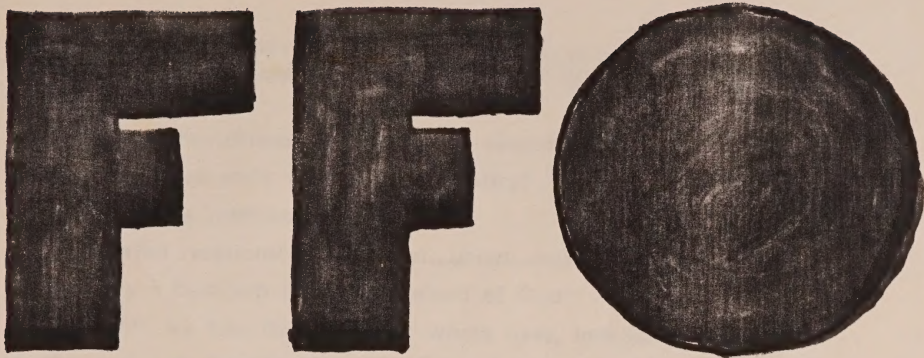




PURPOSE QUESTION: How does a theology of sexuality enable us to reach people with the saving knowledge of Christ?

PURPOSE QUESTION: How does Christ in Resurrection liberate us from sexual oppressions in our expressions, relationships and civil liberties?

Study Questions for a Christian Theology of Sexuality

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a **SEXUAL THEOLOGY SEXUAL SPIRITUALITY**
SEXUAL CHRISTIANITY RELATIONSHIP OF GOD AND SEXUALITY

God...as Parent/Creator's relation to sexuality?

Jesus of Nazareth's relation to sexuality?

Holy Spirit's relation to sexuality?

Trinitarian relationship as sexual...union...relation...gender...lover?

Is there a bedroom in the household of God?

Shouldn't we love God with our whole lives, including sexual lives?

Do you ask God to leave when you have sex?

What would God's reaction be if there? Why?

How does the Christlike enhancement of persons relate to our sexuality and sexual relationships?

Did God create our sex drives? What does that mean?

What turns God on?

Are Sex and Spirit related?

Is sex essential to life?

Is it right to feel sexual about God?

If Jesus was my roommate, would he be closing the door all the time?
 (also b)

What aspects of my sexuality is God interested in?

Why not a sexual theology?

Could you take Jesus with you to the bars, baths, bushes?

How can I reconcile my Christianity with a healthy; i.e. guilt free, perspective of my sexuality? (also h)

What about sexuality is in the image of God?

How would you describe genital spirituality...spiritual genitality?

How does the integration of spirituality and sexuality speak to issues/concerns/dynamics of power, symbolism, trust/commitment/fidelity?

What is sexual/spiritual intimacy about? (also e)

What is Jesus relationship to all creation (example: rain, rocks, animals, bears) say about sexuality?

Where does satan/evil relate to sexuality? (also h)

What does it mean for our sexuality that it is a gift?

If our bodies are the temple of God and the church is the body of Christ, what does this mean in terms of our individual and corporate worship and prayer life? (also e)

How does the love of Jesus Christ enter into our sexual lives?

Human relationship? God relationship?

b WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CHRISTIAN SEXUAL ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR

(values, morality?) What is the basis on which we make sexual decisions as Christians?)

Is having sex outside of a one to one relationship Christian?

Are multiple or non-monogamous relationships Christian?

Is monogamy a dark furniture that you polish?

Is homosexual promiscuousness a myth?

What are the characteristics of Christian Sexuality?

What types of commitment (time/honesty/etc) characterize sexual experiences?

What Sexual behavior does not embody Christian values?

What process do I use to decide what is ethical or moral behavior as I make sexual decisions?

What are your personal Christian ethics concerning sexuality?

Where does your Christian responsibility begin and end in sexual situations?

The difference between ethics and behavior...does ethics translate into behavior?

Is there something between one night stands and permanent/long term relationships?

Is a universal ethic for sexuality possible? What is it? Why?

c **GENDERED CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ETHICS**

Does being homosexual mean dislike or aversion to the opposite sex?
 Is choosing sexual preference on a political basis Christian?
 Is it Christian to have segregated male/female bars/meeting places?
 Is the gospel the same for me as a woman as for men? (also d)

d **SCRIPTURE AND SEXUALITY**

Homosexuality and the Bible
 Hebraic/Old Testament roots of sexual attitudes?
 Scriptural norms for sexuality?
 Is the gospel the same for me as a woman as for men? (also c)

e **THE CHURCH AND SEXUALITY**

(Worship, Sacrament, Mission, Body of Christ)

Does our sexuality effect our evangelizing for Christ? or not?
 Sexual nature of sacraments of baptism and Eucharist?
 Holy Union as sexual statement?
 How do Eucharist and Sex inform each other?
 How do we reflect, manifest or answer our questions in our worship?
 Can we be sexual and worship at the same time? If so, what forms?
 If our bodies are the temple of God and the Church is the body of Christ, what does this mean in terms of our individual and corporate worship and prayer life? (also a)

f WHAT IS SEXUALITY? WHY SEXUALITY?

What is sexual behavior?

What is God as Parent/Creator's relation to sexuality? oops!

What is sexuality? or sex?

What is the difference between sexuality and sensuality?

What is given/developed/chosen?

Meaning of Male and Female? Masculine,, Feminine?

What is the purpose of sexuality?

What does an overpopulated world say about the purpose of sexuality?

g SELF WORTH AND RIGHT RELATION

(God in our personhood and relationships)

(Theological Psychology)

How do we reach out and communicate?

Does God help me find a helpmate?

Does God help me be single?

In God involved in my self-worth and wholeness?

Where does our sexuality place in our Christian personhood?

In our loneliness? Singleness? In relationship or in community relationships?

h SEXUAL BROKENNESS AND RESTORATION

(healing)

How can I reconcile my Christianity with a healthy; i.e., guilt free, perspective of my sexuality? (also a)

When is sexuality dirty? When is it not?

What is the difference between sexual and dirty?

What is the cause and dynamics in the assumption that something must be dirty to be fun?

Where does satan/evil relate to sexuality? (also a)

Healing and forgiveness...where is sexuality? child molestation...
gender roles...negative social encounters...ex-lovers...gay/lesbian scripts?
Instruments of healing? Gifts of the Spirit? AA...Al-Anon

